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Service Interruption

From Tuesday, July 8 until 3 a.m. Monday, July 28, trains on the O'Hare branch of the Blue Line will be interrupted between the Airport and the CTA rail stop at Rosemont, due to track work to eliminate rail "slow zones."

Free shuttle bus service will replace rail service between the O'Hare Bus/Shuttle Center (located directly above the O'Hare CTA station) and Rosemont station. Rosemont is the next-to-last stop on the line, about 4 miles from the airport.

Updates can be found at: www.transitchicago.com

Additional Commuter Time

Travelers should be aware that the detour has caused commutes to take as long as 90 minutes or more, double the estimated 45-minute trip between O'Hare and downtown.

The shuttle buses average 9 to 13 minutes each way between the Rosemont and O'Hare stations

Trip Costs and Alternatives

Train: The CTA fare on the Blue Line to O'Hare International Airport is \$2.

Drive: The roughly 15-mile drive from the 4th Congressional District to O'Hare can take 25 minutes to 2 hours during rush hour. Parking costs \$30 a day at the O'Hare garage, or less at remote lots.

Taxi: Taxicab rides are also subject to traffic delays, and fares to O'Hare average \$36.00 before tip.

Shared Van: Shared Van services depart from O'Hare airport every 10-15 minutes and charge roughly \$28 one-way, per person.

